



California Energy Commission
2009 Integrated Energy Policy Report Staff Workshop
August 11, 2009 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Hearing Room A
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) will provide \$787 billion in economic investment nationally. The goals of this plan are to jump start the economy and create jobs for Americans in an accountable, transparent manner. California could receive more than \$50 billion for a variety of statewide programs. Our state has an opportunity to put Californians back to work while improving our economic and energy future. Also included is information on the upcoming Clean Energy Summit.

Funding

The California Energy Commission has been allocated \$275.6 million for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. The Energy Commission's two main areas of responsibility are the State Energy Program and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

(<http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/blockgrant.html>)

California was allocated \$351.5 million for local governments to use for projects and programs to reduce total energy use. About \$302 million goes directly to large cities and counties with the remaining \$49.6 million going to the Energy Commission for distribution to small cities and counties in order to assist in implementing projects and programs to reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions as well as to improve energy efficiency.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact their local city or county directly for ways to partner for the Block grant funding and assist local governments to meet these goals. **Final Guidelines are available.** The Energy Commission will make at least 60 percent of the \$49.6 million in funding available to **small cities and counties**. The remaining 40 percent can be distributed at the Energy Commission's discretion.

State Energy Program (SEP)

(<http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/sep.html>)

The ARRA has given \$226 million to the Energy Commission with the direction to focus funding on energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. Specifically, the ARRA calls for expanding existing programs approved by the state or appropriate regulatory authority. Funds will be directed to energy efficiency retrofits of buildings and industrial facilities and to support renewable energy projects. The Energy Commission will use these funds to implement various energy programs such as:

- Implementing building and industrial energy efficiency programs.
- Establishing and expanding financial incentives or loans for energy efficiency.
- Expanding renewable distributed generation programs.
- Expanding renewable energy programs.
- Promoting regional cooperation.
- Facilitating sharing of best energy practices.
- Increasing coordination with utilities to inform customers of new of measurement and verification technologies.

Guidelines are available at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/sep.html>

Clean Energy Summit - California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program

(<http://www.energy.ca.gov/greenjobs/>)

The California Energy Commission, California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB), and the Employment Development Department (EDD) will host a Clean Energy Summit to discuss the Solicitation for Proposal for the Clean Energy Workforce Training Program and leveraging state and federal workforce development funding for the clean energy industry.

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